

# **MASSACHUSETTS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE**

## **RULE 10. FORM OF PLEADINGS**

### **Reporter's Notes--2010**

Rule 10(e) was added in 2010 to recognize the existing practice by which some attorneys include text on both the front and back of a page. The language of Rule 10(e) is similar to a 1999 amendment to Appellate Rule 20(a)(4) regarding briefs and other documents filed in the appellate courts.

Although the two-sided document language has been added to Rule 10, which governs the form of pleadings, the provisions of Rule 10, including the two-sided document language, are also applicable to motions and other papers filed under the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure. See Rule 7(b)(2).

## **RULE 11. APPEARANCES AND PLEADINGS**

### **Reporter's Notes--2010**

Rule 11(a) has been amended to require attorneys and unrepresented parties to include their e-mail addresses, if any, on pleadings. The requirement of e-mail addresses already exists in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (Rule 11(a), as amended in 2007) and in the Rules of the Superior Court (Rule 9A(6)), effective March 2, 2009).

The Advisory Committee Notes to the 2007 amendment to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure state that “[p]roviding an e-mail address is useful, but does not of itself signify consent to filing or service by e-mail.” Likewise, the 2010 amendment to Rule 11(a) “does not of itself signify consent to filing or service by e-mail” in civil actions in Massachusetts.